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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Heicko Schwarz et al.  
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APPARATUS FOR A DIGITAL PICTURE SEQUENCE  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 25, 2011 having a shortened statutory period for responses which expires on January 25, 2012, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper; and  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.